



AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

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I. Overview of Registration Procedures and Requirements

The ACPS maintains Stud Books for registry of purebred and halfbred Connemara foals born in the United States and Canada. The sire and dam of any purebred foal must both be registered purebred Connemarans in order for the foal to be eligible for purebred registration in the ACPS Stud Books. Halfbred foals must have one registered purebred Connemara parent in order to be eligible for ACPS registration.

A Connemara foal should be registered as soon as possible after birth, by completing a temporary foal certificate (TFC) registration application and submitting mane hairs for the foal's DNA sample (the DNA kit will be returned to breeder after TFC application is completed), supplying all necessary paperwork and sending the proper fee to the ACPS Secretary/Registrar. If the foal was conceived by artificial insemination, a certificate signed by the veterinarian or technician who inseminated the mare should accompany the registration application [ACPS-F06] If the foal was produced by live cover, a stallion service certificate [ACPS-F05] or the registration application [ACPS-F02].should be signed by the owner of the stallion

The TFC is held by the foal owner until the Connemara reaches age 2; then the foal must be Permanently registered At that time, the TFC must be returned to the ACPS Secretary with the height and color information updated and the proper fees. Upon completion of all paperwork and payment of fees, the Connemara will be permanently registered, and a permanent registration certificate will be sent to the owner.

All stallions must be DNA tested and the results must be on file with the ACPS Secretary, and The registration process must be completed before offspring are eligible for registration.

The registration fee is higher for foals over 6 months of age. See document ACPS-P03 for a complete listing of fees.

II. Temporary Foal Certificates

TFC application forms for registration are available at no charge from the ACPS Secretary or may be downloaded from the ACPS web site (www.acps.org). Fill out completely, sign and send to the ACPS Secretary/Registrar

The owner of the stallion (sire of the foal to be registered) must sign the stallion service certificate.

A stallion slip, duly signed by the stallion owner or agent, will be accepted in lieu of the stallion owner's signature on the application, but it MUST accompany the application.

If applicable, the artificial insemination form MUST accompany the application.

The current fee must accompany the form; there is an increased fee if foal is more than six months old. No registration will be completed without the birth color.

As of 2004, all foals must be DNA sampled. The kit will be sent to the owner after the TFC application is completed. The fee is included in the TFC cost.

III. Permanent Registration

At age two, a Connemara is eligible for permanent registration, and the TFC should be considered to have expired.

For a permanent Certificate of Registry, update the TFC, making any corrections in description, including any color changes; any changes as from stallion to gelding; fill in the measurement record, and make corrections in the markings report. Send the updated TFC (the original, not a photo-copy) to the Secretary, with the proper fee. A permanent Certificate of Registry will be issued by the ACPS Secretary/Registrar.

No certificate will be issued unless color and height information is supplied.

IV. Stallion Registration

Stallion prospects must meet all ACPS requirements for registration in the purebred Stud Book. Blue-Eyed cream colts and Halfbred colts are not eligible for permanent registration as stallions. Both BEC geldings and halfbred geldings are eligible for permanent registration.

Stallions must be at least 2 years of age.

Applicants must be free of all visible inheritable abnormalities, i.e., parrot mouth (overshot or undershot jaw), cryptorchid or monorchid (less than two testicles descended into the scrotum). A certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the stallion prospect does not possess these or any other visible abnormal inheritable conditions must accompany application for registration. Halfbred colts are not eligible for registration as stallions. All stallions must be DNA tested and the results must be on file with the ACPS Secretary before offspring are eligible for registration. The DNA testing must be done by the lab contracted by the ACPS, or by a licensed lab in Canada. DNA kits are available from the Secretary. The DNA kit is included in the stallion registration fee. *Foals* of stallions who do not have permanent registration will not be eligible for registration, even after the stallion has been permanently registered. There will be no retroactive registration. Notification about any stallion that has been gelded should be submitted to the secretary, the registration papers corrected to read gelding.

V. Permanent Registration without TFC

Use the same application form as for TFC.

Check the box labeled "Permanent without TFC".

The form will be returned if the color and height are not recorded.

VI. Registered Names

Registered names may not be more than 30 characters long, and cannot be repeated.

Identical names may be used after 20 years, or if they are accompanied with a prefix or suffix, preferably a farm name.

VII. Farm Registration

Farm names may be registered with the ACPS for a one-time fee.

Send name of farm, address, owner, and prefix to be used to the Secretary [see ACPS-F03].

You will receive a certificate of registration for your farm.

This registration does not include a listing in the Breeders' Directory of the American Connemara magazine or the internet site. That listing requires an additional fee, and is administered by the editor of the magazine.

VIII. Ownership Transfers

Reporting of transfers is the responsibility of the SELLER.

On the back of the registration papers, whether temporary or permanent, record the name of the seller (either as shown on the face of the certificate, or as given in the last previous transfer). Record the name and address of the new owner.

Enter the date of sale, and appropriate signature. The signature is essential to the transfer of ownership.

Record the color and height in the appropriate spaces.

Fee for transfer must accompany the certificate.

There is no other transfer form.

The seller is responsible for sending the registration certificate to the ACPS Secretary (not to the new owner).

The secretary will sign the certificate, record the transfer, and send the certificate to the new owner.

All transfers are published, both in the American Connemara,.

A note of caution to sellers: DO NOT transfer papers until you have received full payment.

IX. Transfer of Imported Connemaras

To register a Connemara, under age 1 (any sex), that has a TFC from another country, send that document to the ACPS Secretary/Registrar, with the appropriate fee. The Secretary will complete an American Connemara Pony Society TFC, and will return the foreign document.

To permanently register a Connemara over age 2 with the ACPS, send the pony's passport/registration documents, to the Secretary along with the appropriate fee.

All imported stallions must be DNA tested in the US.

X. Breeder Definition

The breeder of record is the person who owns the mare at the time of service.

If a mare is being leased for breeding, the person leasing the mare is listed as the breeder.

XI. Semen Collection/Artificial Insemination

Foals produced as a result of artificial insemination (AI) are eligible for registration in the purebred and halfbred ACPS Stud Book as long as the resulting foal meets all ACPS rules for registration.

Semen may be transported frozen or fresh.

The Society recommends semen be collected by a licensed veterinarian or trained assistant.

A stallion collection form must be completed and signed by collecting veterinarian or trained technician and stallion owner or agent. One copy to be retained by stallion owner, one copy shipped with semen to mare owner, one copy mailed and retained by the ACPS Secretary when the resulting foal is registered.

A mare recipient receipt must be filled out by the inseminating veterinarian or technician and the mare owner or agent. One copy should be retained by the mare owner, one copy shipped to stallion owner.

No mare may be covered (AI or live) by more than one stallion in a single breeding season unless she undergoes a thorough examination, to include ultrasound, by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian's written statement indicating that said mare is not in foal to the first stallion must be file with the ACPS Secretary.

XII. Embryo Transplant

Only one genetic offspring a year, by embryo transfer technique or natural breeding per mare (except in the case of twins), shall be eligible for registration.

At least 15 days before the collection of the fertilized egg, record owner or lessee will notify the Society in writing of the intention to attempt an embryo transplant

At the Society's discretion, owner or lessee will have the pedigree of the resulting foal verified by DNA testing. The foal, sire, and donor mare, will be tested as the Society deems necessary.

From the date an embryo is transferred to a recipient mare, until its birth, only that one embryo may be transferred from the donor mare providing that transfer is successful. Should the transfer prove unsuccessful for any cause, one other embryo may then be transferred from the donor mare, and this will start a new transfer limitation period.

XIII. Office of the American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS)

Contact the office of the ACPS for studbook information and official transactions concerning registry papers:

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Related Documents and References:

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